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## *News Release*

### UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON NAMES HEAD OF MUSIC DIVISION

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 25, 1989--Linda June Snyder has been appointed head of the music division and associate professor of music at the University of Dayton. For the past year, she has served as associate professor of voice and director of vocal studies at New York University.

A native of Dayton, Snyder is now a resident of Washington Township. "I want to expand the performance potential that's inherent in the students and faculty at UD and draw more focus to musical arts on campus," Snyder said.

She has served on the faculties of Midland Lutheran College and the University of Illinois, and for 11 years was director of opera and associate professor of voice at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Snyder is a soprano and holds master's and doctoral degrees in vocal performance from the University of Illinois. She earned a bachelor's degree in music from Miami University, Oxford, where she was a frequent soloist with the A Capella Singers, and sang with the group on its 1969 European tour with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.

A musical director and conductor for more than 30 operas and musicals, Snyder served for three summers as musical director and conductor for musical theatre at the Interlochen Arts Festival in Michigan and taught on the staff of the famed National Music Camp. She has sung professionally in recital, oratorio, and opera and musical theatre throughout much of the United States and Italy, and has performed roles with Colorado Music Theatre, Opera/Omaha and Illinois Opera Theatre. Last March she made her New York debut at Merkin Concert Hall as soprano soloist in the U.S. premiere of "Song of Solomon" by contemporary Russian composer Sergei Slonimsky.

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